THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. However, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is providing assistance to rural industries in the entire country including the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation Status in SSI Textile Sector

3398. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withdraw the reservation status hitherto being extended to Small Scale Industries in textile sector and allow the big producers including Multinationals;

(b) if so, whether the views of the Small Scale industries were sought and the response thereto; and

(c) what is the likely impact on the Small Scale producers and employment in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amount Sanctioned under PMRY for Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

3399. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by Government during the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 under PM's Rojgar Yojana for Delhi and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of amount spent under the scheme in the above States during this period, district- wise;

(c) whether Government have set up any monitoring cell to check the fund and for proper implementation of the scheme in these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the educated unemployed youths are not being benefited by this scheme, if so, the reasons therefor and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the Central Government releases the funds for Subsidy as well as for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, etc. The funds for Subsidy are, however, authorised to the Reserve Bank of India for passing on to the individual beneficiary through the implementing banks and are not released to the States. Funds for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, etc. are released directly to the States/UTs. Rs. 1067.25 lakhs and Rs. 1.26 lakhs were released by the Central Government to Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi respectively for training and Entrepreneurial Development, etc. for the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana. These funds are released, in turn, by the State Governments to the respective Districts.

(c) and (d) The implementation of the scheme including the utilisation of funds released to State/ UTs is constantly monitored by the different review Committees at the District, State and Central Levels and also in the monitoring cell constituted in the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai.

(e) No, Sir. The educated unemployed youth are getting benefits from the scheme.

Misuse of Funds

3400. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints of non-payments by North-Eastern States to SSI units of funds financed by Government agencies;

(b) whether funds distributed by Government agencies for "scheme of loan for purchase to energy meters" have been misutilised by the State Government of Manipur, and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to protect the interest of these SSI units so as to ensure that funds released by Government agencies are disbursed and their interest is protected as provided in Ancillary industrial Undertakings act, 1998?